

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY OF RAILWAY PASSENGERS AND PROPERTIES

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) the respective responsibilities of the Government Railway Police (GRP) and the Railway Protection Force (RPF) for the security of the passengers and their properties; and

(b) the measures proposed to be taken to ensure proper co-ordination between RPF, GRP and the State Governments and to enforce accountability of those responsible for the security of the railway passengers and their properties?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a) Law and order being a State subject, primary role of policing on Railways rests with the concerned State Government which ensures it through its police wing called the Government Railway Police. As such security of passengers and their property is the responsibility of the Government Railway Police.

However, Railway Protection Force Act and the Railways Act have been amended in the year 2003 enlarging the role of Railway Protection Force to the realm of passenger security. At present Railway Protection Force is assisting the Government Railway Police in the area of passenger security by escorting trains, ensuring access control at important stations, taking action against anti-social elements under various sections of the Railways Act.

(b) Orders have been issued to Railway Protection Force officers to ensure coordination meetings periodically at field levels as well as divisional and zonal levels. Minutes are drawn in these meetings and follow-up action is ensured.